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April 19, 2001

Honorable Philip N. Asprodites  
Commissioner of Conservation  
P.O. Box 94275, Capitol Station  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

Re: Application Notice  
Miogypsinoides, Reservoir B  
RICEVILLE FIELD  
Vermilion Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Murphy Exploration & Production Company ("Applicant") hereby makes application to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Miogypsinoides Sand, Reservoir B, in the Riceville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

1. To dissolve MIOGYB RB SUA and MIOGYB RB SUB, created by Office of Conservation Order No. 418-P-4, effective April 6, 1999, and to simultaneously therewith, to create a revised drilling and production unit for MIOGYB RB SUA.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the revised unit so created with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate Applicant as unit operator and its Joseph Zaunbrecher et al No. 1 well as the unit well for the revised unit so created.
4. To continue in full force and effect all pertinent provisions of Order No. 418-P-4, not effected hereby.
5. To discuss any other matters that may be pertinent to this application.

The Miogypsinoides Sand, in the Riceville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, was fully defined by Office of Conservation Order No. 418-P, effective April 6, 1991.

The pre-application conference was held on April 17, 2001, and a copy of the list of those who attended is attached. The undersigned opened the conference and presented the basis for the applicant's unit proposal. Mr. Frank Harrison, representing Leger-Boudreaux, presented an alternate geographic unit proposal of 470 acres. Mr. Jim Hardwick,

representing the Zaunbrecher Trust, presented a geologic unit proposal of +105 acres, and Mr. Bill Robbins, representing Avico, presented a geographic unit proposal of +590 acres. No resolution of differences could be reached and the conference was adjourned. As a result of continued discussions initiated at the pre-application conference, the represented parties have subsequently resolved their differences and opposition is not expected at the hearing to be scheduled. A copy of the resulting revised unit proposal is attached hereto.

All pertinent data relating to the subject application is available for inspection at the Offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

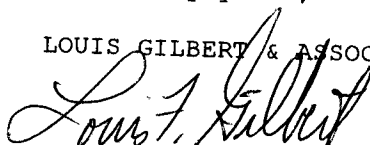
The Applicant will provide for posting a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and a copy of the enclosed plats at a prominent place in the area affected by this application and will cause the publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of the Riceville Field. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure.

There is attached hereto and made a part hereof, plats outlining the proposed unit and the units to be dissolved, and a list of names and addresses of the Interested Parties, Interested Owners and Represented Parties to whom this notice is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of Parties is being furnished ONLY to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. The aforementioned list is available upon request to any Interested Party. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Parties, Interested Owners and Represented Parties as required by the Revised Rules of Procedure.

There is enclosed herewith on behalf of the Applicant a check made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

  
Louis F. Gilbert

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson (w/enclosures)  
Office of Conservation  
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Interested Parties, Interested Owners  
and Represented Parties (w/plats)

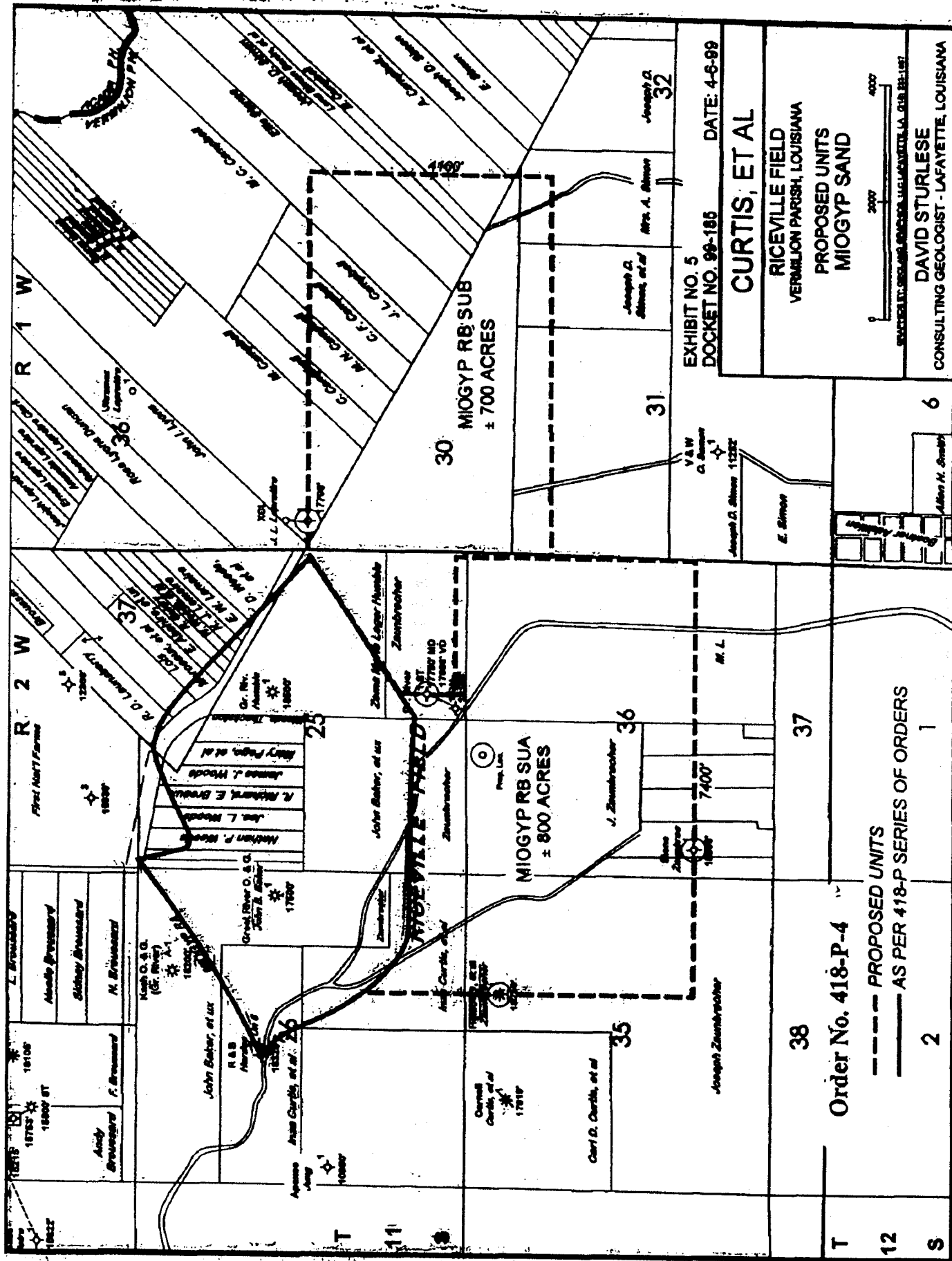


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DOCKET NO. 99-186  
DATE: 4-6-99

**CURTIS, ET AL**

**RICEVILLE FIELD**  
VERMILION PARISH, LOUISIANA  
**PROPOSED UNITS**  
**MIOGYP SAND**

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Order No. 418-P-4

--- PROPOSED UNITS  
--- AS PER 418-P SERIES OF ORDERS

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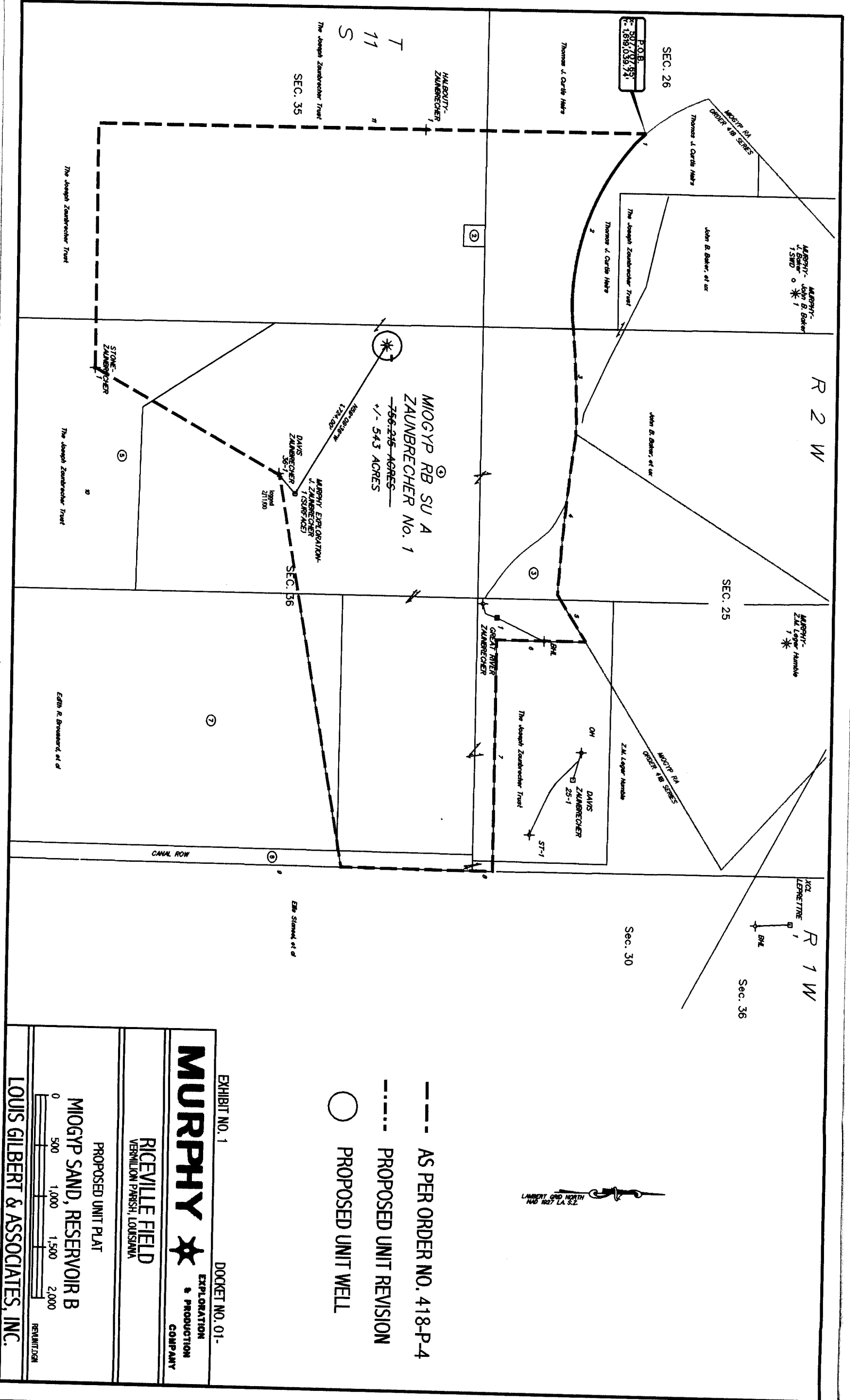


EXHIBIT NO. 1

DOCKET NO. 01-

**MURPHY**

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EXPLORATION  
& PRODUCTION  
COMPANY

RICEVILLE FIELD

VERMILION PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT PLAT

MIOGYP SAND, RESERVOIR B

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FEET

LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

REMINISCENT

- AS PER ORDER NO. 418-P-4
- - - - - PROPOSED UNIT REVISION
- PROPOSED UNIT WELL